

# Scots Kirk Presbyterian

*A congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*



*Morning Worship*

*11:00 A.M. – December 7, 2025*

*1435 Old Trolley Road, Summerville, SC 29485*

**Mission Statement:** By God's grace alone, we glorify Him by loving Him and loving others in thought, word, and deed.

## **Prelude**

*Pianist Brenda Busch*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Elder Fred Legere*

## **Preparation for Worship**

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

## **Call to Worship**

### **\*Hymn of Worship to Christ**

**Trinity Hymnal #218**

*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

### **\*Prayer of Invocation (Concluding with the Lord's Prayer)**

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Confession of Sin**

**Exodus 1:1-19**

Leader: The Reading of the Law of God (Exodus 1:1-19)

All: Silent Confession of Sin

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Romans 3:25-26**

Leader: God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

**The Westminster Confession of Faith 13.1-2**

All: They, who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them: the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified; and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

This sanctification is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part; whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

**Children's Sermon**

*Elder Joel Reed*

**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 40**

**Prayers for the Church and the World**

*Pastor Jim Mitchell*

**\*Hymn of Worship to Christ**

**Trinity Hymnal #241**

*"Thou Dost Reign on High"*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Deacon Rich Troutman*

**Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology**

**Trinity Hymnal #731**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

**The Reading of the Word**

**1 Peter 1:20-25**

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Pastor Jim Mitchell*

# The Preaching of the Word

*“The Word at Work in You”*

## \*Communion Hymn

Trinity Hymnal #230

*“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”*

*Vv 1-2 before communion*

Administration of Communion

*Vv 3 after communion*

## \*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## \*\*Joy to the World

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King,  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

## This Week at a Glance

- This Wednesday we will have Bereans at 6:30 p.m. on the life of Peter (Dr. Thomas).
- The Wednesday night church dinner is on pause until February.

## Looking Ahead

- **Sunday School for all ages** is held at the church each Sunday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- **The Ladies Bible Study** is in the Gospel of John on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- **Officer Elections Process:** The Session is preparing for the nomination and election process for 2026 officers. These include the offices of Elder, Deacon, Treasurer and Congregational Chairman. All members of Scots Kirk are encouraged to make nominations for these offices based on the Scriptural qualifications for Elder and Deacon (open to qualified males, see 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, 1 Peter 5) and wisdom (Treasurer, Congregational Chairman – open to qualified men or women). The duties and qualifications are found in the ARP Form of Government (see ch. 3, 5 and 6) which is available on the ARP Church website. Any nominations should be cleared with the person being nominated and then provided to any member of the Session by January 4, 2026. Please note, all names submitted will be considered for certification, but the Session acts as the nomination committee and is not bound to include them in the final list of candidates to be presented at our congregational meeting on January 25 (see below).
- **Congregational Meeting:** We have *two* congregational meetings coming up in January (both held immediately after morning worship) – please plan to attend both unless providentially hindered. On **January 11**, we will meet for the purpose of considering our new Child and Teen Protection policy, along with an explanation of the training that will be involved for all those volunteering with minors. On **January 25**, we will have our annual congregational meeting for the purpose of approving the budget for 2026 as well as officer elections (see announcement above).

## Welcome to Scots Kirk Presbyterian

We are glad you are here with us this morning and welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Mt 11:28-29). We value the presence of your children with us as well. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers during the Worship service. Older children are encouraged to stay and participate in the Worship service. If you choose to use our nursery, we have trained and background-checked volunteers who will gladly assist with their care.

## Vital Statistics for 11/30 (Week 48)

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2025 Annual Budget</u>	<u>Received to Date</u>
58	\$265,203.00	\$249,262.25

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### Church WiFi Information

Username: Calvin 12 (5g)

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**Ministry Teams:** Are you part of a ministry team at Scots Kirk? If not, please consider serving the Lord by gathering with others to think, plan and pray for specific ministries where your gifts will be used for God's glory. The responsibilities of each ministry team are outlined on our website: <https://scotskirkarp.org/ministry-teams/> Please contact the pastor or any elder for more information about how to join.

**Bereans Study:** This week the Bereans Bible Study will continue the series "Sermon on the Mount" using videos from Dr. Sinclair Ferguson. Bereans meets every Wednesday evening at the Church at 6:30 p.m. All adults and teens are invited.